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Henry Hering

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Lincoln Statue Bequest

Henry Long made a
bequest of \$10,000 in shares
which will reach shortly after his
death in 1901 with which
a bronze statue of Lincoln
was to be erected at the
University Park.

The Union Trust Co
trustee of estate

Now in hands of
University Trustees and
Park commissioners
sets granite in University
Park.

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December 29, 1931

Mr. Arthur V. Brown
Union Trust Co.
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Brown:

Several months ago you gave me a brief interview about the possibility of erecting a Lincoln statue at Indianapolis at some suitable place as directed in a request in a will of an estate, through our Company.

You will recall I left with you some photographs of Lincoln statues which I suggested might be available, at a very reasonable price.

Will you kindly advise if anything has been done about this matter as I am anxious to know whether or not you contemplate using the statue suggested.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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INDIANA'S COMMISSION
A CENTURY OF PROGRESS
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Dr Louis A Warren
Fort-Wayne, Ind.
Dear Dr Warren:

I am enclosing two clippings
from the Indianapolis News.

I think this memorial needs
your guiding hand to bringing
the final issue to an upright
and honest climax

Sincerely
Mrs H B Burnet-

April 18th 1933
4417 N. Penn^a St-



MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF LINCOLN NOW TO ADORN UNIVERSITY PARK

News - 3-1-11-33
**Statue Will Be Erected at Southeast Corner From Money
in Forgotten Trust Fund Left for Purpose by Henry
C. Long in 1901—Board Considers Plans.**

A memorial in honor of Abraham Lincoln, in the form of an impressive statue, will be erected in the southeast corner of University park, from money in a forgotten trust fund left to the city many years ago.

Its action timed appropriately to take place on the eve of Lincoln's birthday, the board of park commissioners has ordered an investigation to determine the amount of money available in the fund, which is expected to amount to approximately \$25,000, with the accrued interest.

A nation-wide contest of sculptors is being considered by the park board in order to obtain a design for a statue which will harmonize with the general scheme in the War Memorial Plaza. Conferences will be held with the War Memorial committee to obtain co-operation of that group in completion of the memorial project.

Placed in Trust.

The trust fund was left to the city, to be administered by the board of park commissioners, by Henry C. Long, wealthy Indianapolis lumberman, who died at Phoenix, Ariz., in 1901. Mr. Long left \$10,000 to the city, with the stipulation that it be used to erect a statue of Lincoln in the southeast corner of the park.

With the other part of the estate, was placed in the hands of the Union Trust Company, and accrued interest in that period probably would amount to approximately \$25,000, according to the estimate of Jackie-

Joseph, park board president. The board has directed H. Nathan Swaim, its attorney, to make an immediate investigation, determining the exact amount of money available and to obtain a court order for its release.

Five successive park boards have been in and out of office since the bequest was made, and the trust fund had been forgotten. The last time it was brought up for consideration was in 1927, when John F. Milner was board president. The board decided at that time to erect a statue in accordance with terms of the bequest, but did not obtain the money and nothing developed from the action. Previously to that time, the trust fund had been "discovered" in 1918, when the board was headed by Charles E. Coffin. Mr. Joseph, who had no knowledge of the fund until recently, asserted that the present is an especially appropriate time to spend the money in such a project.

To Hold Conference.

A nation-wide contest of sculptors for the design of an appropriate statue could be conducted with the amount now available, Mr. Joseph said. The board will hold a conference with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan to acquaint him with the situation and to get his approval of the project. Conferences likewise will be held with the War Memorial committee to determine who will have complete juris-

diction of erection of the memorial, as University park has become a part of the plaza since the bequest was made.

The will of Mr. Long also placed a trust fund for the amount of the residue of his estate into the hands of the Union Trust Company for the founding of a college for girls in the city. According to information from the Trust Company, the memorial bequest has been included in this fund, and the interest which has accrued on the \$10,000 has not been determined.

CITY TO SEEK USE OF \$10,000 TRUST FUND

Bequest Stipulated Erection
of Lincoln Statue.

OTHER PLANS ADVANCED

Steps toward obtaining the use of a \$10,000 trust fund left to the city many years ago to erect a statue of Abraham Lincoln will be taken Wednesday, when H. Nathan Swain, park board attorney, files a petition in the Marion county probate court for possession of the money. The fund is a part of an estate and is on deposit in the Union Trust Company.

The trust was bequeathed to the city by Henry C. Long, wealthy Indianapolis lumberman, who died in 1901, with the stipulation that it be used to erect a statue of Lincoln in the northeast corner of University park. It has been forgotten by many park boards since that time and was called to the attention of the present park board last winter on the eve of Lincoln's birthday. Other park boards had made indifferent attempts to obtain the legacy, but the money has remained in possession of the Union Trust Company. The accumulated interest is expected to amount to several thousand dollars.

According to terms of the will, Mrs. Long was to use the interest on the \$10,000 until her death. After that time the interest was to revert to the city. Mrs. Long died June 6, 1916, leaving a period of nearly seventeen years for the interest to accumulate.

The estate of Mr. Long was estimated at \$750,000 at the time of his death and still is pending in probate court.

Since the forgotten trust fund was called to the board's attention by The News, many letters have been received by the park department, suggesting other ways of using the money. One suggestion was that a new building be constructed for the Flanner house, a colored institution, and this proposal has received support from several persons. An architect has attempted to obtain permission to draw plans for the proposed new building. Mr. Swain has pointed out that the money only can be used for erection of a statue, as that expressly is provided in the will.

Jackiel W. Joseph, president of the park board, has suggested that a nation-wide contest be conducted for the best design for a statue, but letters have been received urging that only Indianapolis talent be enlisted.

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April 21, 1933

Mrs. H. B. Burnet
4417 North Pennsylvania
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Burnet:

Thank you very much for the clippings relating to the possibility of erecting a Lincoln monument in Indianapolis.

Possibly it might not be out of place for me to write Mr. Joseph, President of the Park Board and make some suggestion as to the historical Lincoln who should be portrayed in Indianapolis.

I think all would be agreed that inasmuch as Lincoln spoke there on his own birthday in 1861 and that the utterances there have become famous, that the Lincoln in Indianapolis should be the President-elect. That I believe would give a very definite Indianapolis atmosphere to the statue.

I am also going to take the liberty to suggest some sculptors who have done commendable marbles of Lincoln and possibly I can interest our Mr. Mead in contacting the board also.

Thank you very much for the clippings and the suggestion that we cooperate as fully as possible with the commission.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:AAM
Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation



Lincoln Statue Fund Is 'Found' in Indiana

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—In 1901, Henry C. Long, wealthy lumberman, established a trust fund of \$10,000 for erection and maintenance of a statue of Abraham Lincoln on the southeast corner of what was then the city's new University Park.

The fund was forgotten, but when rediscovered on books of an Indianapolis bank this summer had automatically increased to \$16,000. The city park board was notified, and after numerous legal skirmishes it has obtained undisputed possession of the money.

Meantime, University Park has been incorporated as a part of the World War Memorial Plaza which extends northward from Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. So the park board has decided to give the long-proposed statue to the plaza, to be erected on the spot originally intended by Mr. Long. The Lincoln figure will be seated and of heroic size. The Lincoln tall hat will rest beside the chair, all on a granite base six feet high. Mr. Henry Hering of New York is the sculptor selected.

WOULD BE MONEY WELL USED.

To the Editor of The Star:

You have doubtless seen in the press the suggestion made by D. T. Weir of the Indianapolis public schools to the effect that the \$10,000 donated by Henry C. Long for the erection of a Lincoln memorial in University park might be used for building a new Flanner house for the benefit of thousands of underprivileged Negroes whom the institution serves. Perhaps there is no greater need in the city, certainly not for colored people, than an adequate plant for Flanner house with its varied program of helping underprivileged Negroes of our city help themselves through our employment bureau, day nursery, laundry school, sewing, cooking and other vocational classes, pre-kindergarten, neighborhood clubs, health clinics and makeover shop. Besides there is the vast field of opportunity which we have been unable to touch because of lack of facilities. Our board for several years has had under discussion the matter of a new plant for the institution, but has been estopped by present economic conditions. We now feel that anent the suggestion made by Mr. Weir we have a very fine opportunity at least to present our needs to the public.

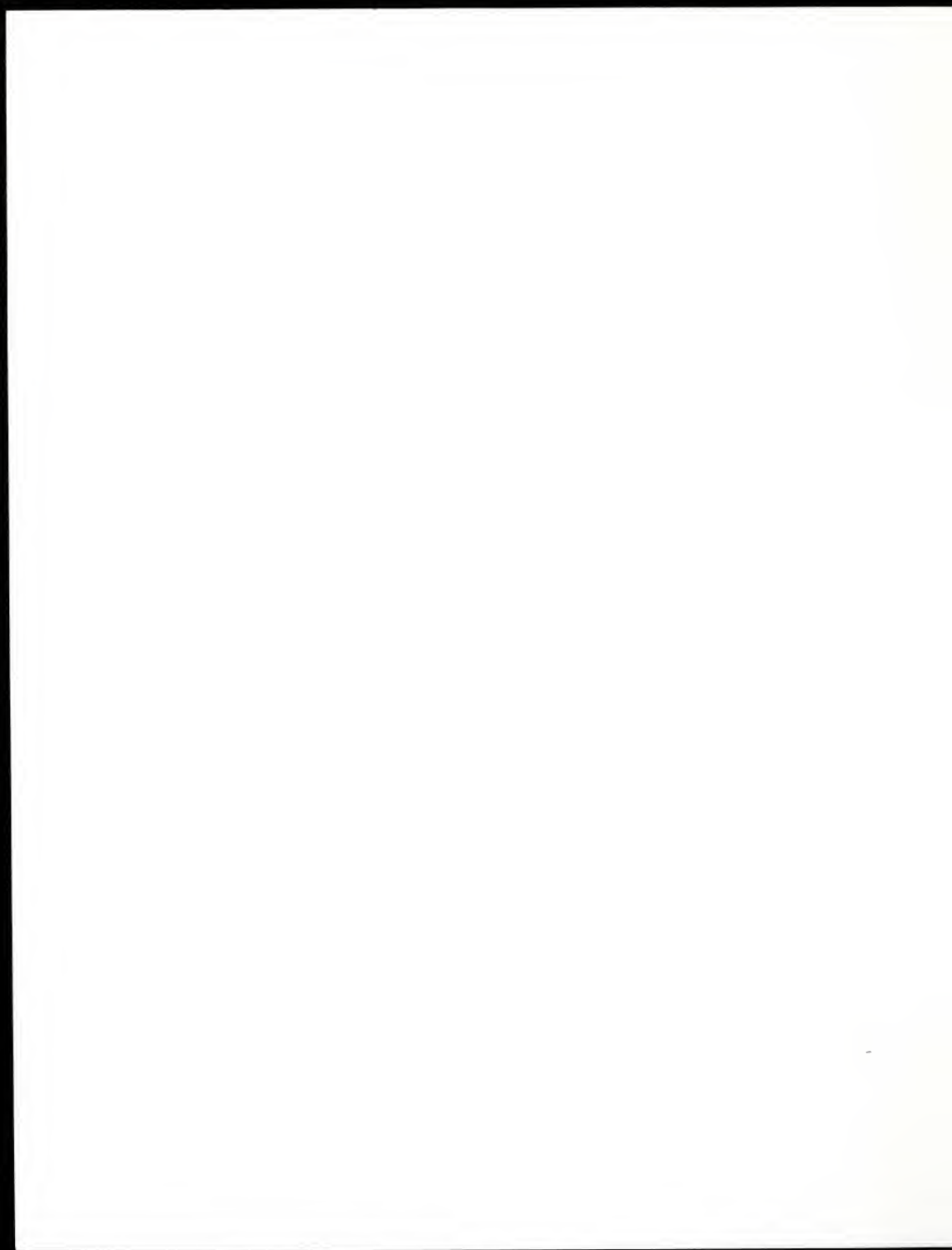
C. H. WINDERS, President.

HENRY L. HEROD,

Superintendent.



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**A NEW
STATUE OF
THE GREAT
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ABRAHAM
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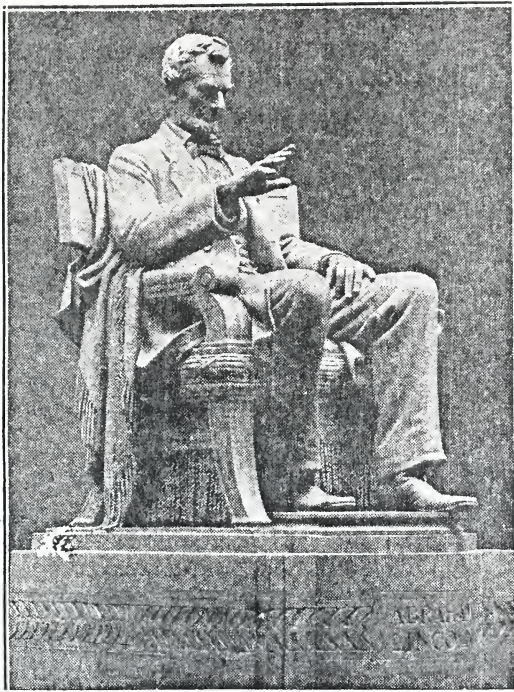
A NEW MEMORIAL TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The seated figure in bronze of Abraham Lincoln, designed by Henry Hering, was erected in University Park, Indianapolis, in late December. The Lincoln Memorial was made possible by a bequest from Henry C. Long, some thirty-three years ago

See "Lincoln at Indianapolis" by Orien W. Fifer

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New Statues Honor Lincoln in 125th Year After His Birth



Louis H. Dreyer photo



Associated Press photo

At left, Henry Hering's representation of the President, which is to be erected in Indianapolis, and the bronze of "Lincoln at Prayer," by the late Herbert Houck, which has just been presented to the Washington Cathedral by the sculptor's sister, Mrs. William T. Hildrup jr., of New York

Indianapolis to Get Statue Of Lincoln After 33 Yrs.

New Yorker Doing Memorial Bequeathed to City in 1901

Special to the Herald Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—Thirty-three years after Henry C. Long, Indianapolis lumberman, bequeathed \$10,000 for a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, his request is about to be complied with. A figure of the martyred President, eight feet four inches in height, has been designed by Henry Hering, New York sculptor, and probably will be placed in position and dedicated this summer. It will be placed in the southeast corner of University Park, just south of the World War memorial, in the downtown district's civic center.

The original bequest has grown through accrued interest since 1901 to about \$25,000. Each succeeding city administration has opposed the location chosen for the statue, arguing it would throw the design of University Square out of balance. The present Board of Park Commissioners, however, thought differently and conducted a nation-wide contest, with the award going to Mr. Hering. The base for the statue already has been prepared, and Mr. Hering is at work on the statue in his New York studios.



DATE SET BACK FOR UNVEILING

Dedication of Lincoln Statue
in University Park to

Be in Spring.

Indianapolis Star
Dedication of the new Lincoln statue at the southeastern corner of University Park, which at one time tentatively was set for today, has been postponed until some date in the spring to permit more suitable weather for ceremonies of unveiling. It is understood the Board of Park Commissioners will take some action toward the program at a meeting in March.

A. C. Sallee, superintendent of parks, said it is the present intention to arrange extensive ceremonies with school children, city and state officials and various organizations participating. Former Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, now in Florida, under whose administration the statue was erected, would be an honor guest at the event.

Sculpturing Wins Praise.

The sculpturing by Henry Hering of New York has been compared favorably with the widely known works of Augustus St. Gaudens. Hering, also sculptor of the "Pro Patria" on the south steps of the World War Memorial Shrine, was a student of St. Gaudens and did a great deal of the work on the famous St. Gaudens Lincoln now in Lincoln park, Chicago.

The statue here was made possible by a donation of Henry C. Long, Civil War veteran and an admirer of the Emancipator. The money remained in a fund thirty years before its use in the joint project of the park board and the Board of Commissioners of the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1935.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

LINCOLN UNVEILING ARMY DAY FEATURE

Erecting of the sculpture has been a joint undertaking of the War Memorial Commission and the Indianapolis Board of Park Commissioners. Mayor Kern will present the statue to the Memorial Commission on behalf of the city. Addresses also will be made by former Mayor Sullivan, under whose administration the bronze was placed; Marcus S. Sonntag, president of the War Memorial Commission, and Dr. Louis A. Warren of Fort Wayne, editor of Lincoln Lore and nationally known authority on the life of the Emancipator.

The statue, made possible by a bequest of Henry C. Long, Civil War veteran and former wealthy lumber man here, is the work of Henry Hering, New York sculptor, who also carved the "Pro Patria" on the south steps of the War Memorial Shrine. It is regarded among the best Lincolns in the country. Hering was a student of Augustus St. Gaudens.

The unveiling program follows:

Music by 11th Infantry Band
Civil War Airs

Albert H. Giesler, Vice President
Board of Park Commissioners
Permanent Chairman

Invocation:

The Rev. Stewart Long,
Former Department Chaplin,
American Legion

Address:

Former Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan

Unveiling Statue

Presentation of Statue:
Mayor John W. Kern

Address:

Marcus S. Sonntag,
President Indiana World War
Memorial

Address:

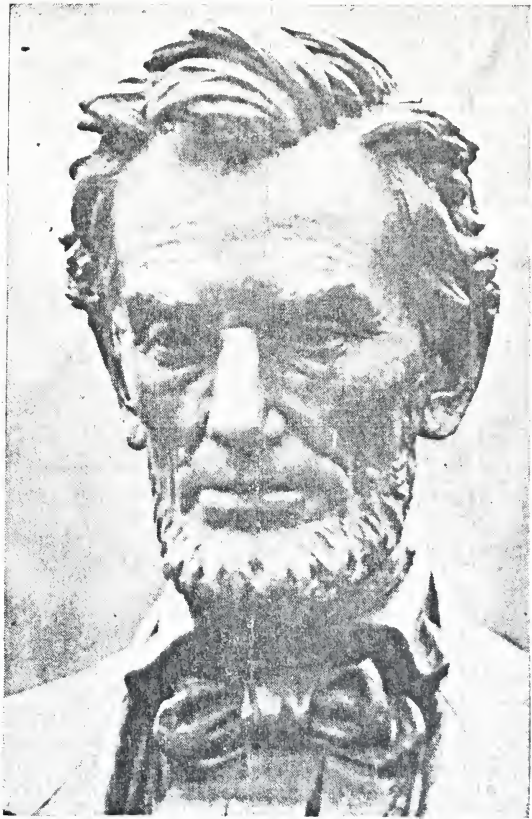
Dr. Louis A. Warren of Fort Wayne,
Editor of Lincoln Lore

Benediction:

The Rt. Rev. Raymond Noll

Music:

"Star-Spangled Banner"



A closeup of the face of the Lincoln statue in University Square
by Henry Hering.

Mayor John W. Kern and former Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan will take leading parts today in dedication of the beautiful Abraham Lincoln statue at the southeast corner of University Square. The ceremony, to begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be a feature of the Army day program on the World War Memorial Plaza, which is expected to attract thousands to see the latest in the nation's military equipment.



**DEDICATE LINCOLN
STATUE TODAY**

This new seated figure of the great emancipator, designed by Henry Hering of New York, is being dedicated today in University park in Indianapolis.

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STATE CONTRIBUTION TO LINCOLN STRESSED

Indianapolis Star 4-7-36

Indiana's contribution to the character and culture of Abraham Lincoln was stressed yesterday in the dedication of the Henry Hering statue of the Emancipator in the southeast corner of University Square. Funds for the statue were willed the city by Henry C. Long, Civil War veteran and former Indianapolis citizen.

"Many people do not know that Abraham Lincoln spent nearly one-fourth of his life in Indiana—and the most impressionable years at that," said Dr. Louis A. Warren of Fort Wayne, editor of Lincoln Lore and director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation. Dr. Warren, a national authority on Lincoln, was the principal speaker at the dedication.

Among World's Greatest.

"In a list of the world's most famous characters graven in stone in Indiana University Lincoln is included," said Dr. Warren. "In the list of six greatest world figures selected recently by the eminent

historian, H. G. Wells, he again is included, and there can be no charge of provincialism in that selection. Woodrow Wilson called him the composite character of America, the great American.

"Lincoln exemplifies Indiana. He was born in the year Indiana became a territory; he came to Indiana in 1816, when it achieved statehood. The growth of the state from the time he came here until he left is typical of his growth. He was here from his seventh year to his twenty-first, and when he left he was not an ignorant boy, but a well-read young man able to cope with the best of Illinois politicians.

Refers to Army Day.

"Dedication of this statue shows that Indiana is recognizing its part in the formation of Lincoln's life, the part the state played in the formation of this world character. His life is a challenge to Indiana to aid in producing other famous citizens."

Dr. Warren spoke of the fitness of dedicating the statue on Army day.

"Of the lists of great men I have cited he is the only military figure," he said. "Lincoln said the happiest moment in his life was when he was made captain of his company in the Blackhawk War."

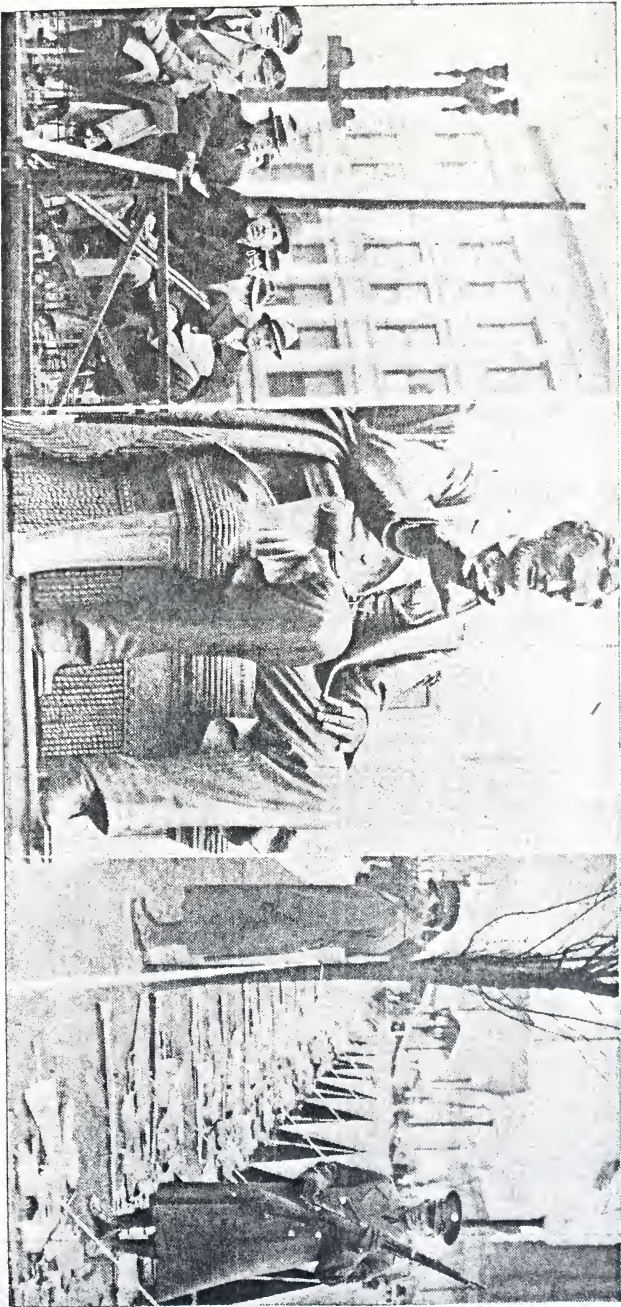
Former Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, under whose administration the statue was placed, lauded the memory of its donor, Mr. Long.

"I also congratulate members of the Indianapolis Board of Park Commissioners and the Indiana World War Memorial Commission," he said. "They have co-operated and placed the statue in the exact spot where Mr. Long wished it. I hope that the time will come when each approach to this downtown park may be graced with a statue of a great man and that we may become known as not the largest city, but as the one in which it is best to live."

Accepted by Batton.

Mayor John W. Kern, in presenting the statue to the boards, said that Lincoln always would be "part of the great American tradition." Robert R. Batton of Marion, vice president of the World War Memorial board of trustees, received the statue. Albert H. Gistler, vice president of the Board of Park Commissioners, presided. Representatives of the G. A. R. attended, and the 11th infantry band from Fort Harrison played.

CIVIL WAR COMMANDER HONORED AS FEATURE OF ARMY DAY.



Left—This group was on the platform in University Square during the dedication services for the Hering statue of Abraham Lincoln yesterday. Left to right are Brig. Gen. William K. Naylor, Col. O. P. Robinson (slightly at rear), former Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, Mayor John W. Kern and Albert H. Giesler. Middle—Close-up of the Hering statue of the seated Lincoln, done in bronze

and showing the Civil War President with hand outstretched as though urging his people to peace.

Right—Private Burford Nickell, Co. G, 11th Infantry, (right), shown at inspection during the Army day display on the World War Memorial Plaza.

Indiana Pays Tribute to Lincoln

Great Emancipator lived in State from time he was 7 till he was 21. New bronze statue forms unit of \$15,000,000 World War Memorial in Indianapolis.

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 10—Indiana is recognizing its contribution to the life of Abraham Lincoln, who spent 14 years on Hoosier soil, Dr. Louis A. Warren, of Fort Wayne, said in dedicating a life-size statue of the Civil War President as part of Army Day observance here.

The Lincoln statue, sculptured by Henry Hering of New York was placed at the southeast corner of University Park as one unit of Indiana's \$15,000,000 World War Memorial. The statue was made possible by a bequest of the late Henry C. Long, a Civil War veteran.

This statue, dedicated by Hoosier statesmen, educators and civic leaders, is a link in a rapidly increasing number of memorials to President Lincoln, who lived in Indiana from the time he was 7 to 21 years of age.

The Great American

In dedicating the statue, Dr. Warren said:

"Many people do not know that Abraham Lincoln spent 14 of the most impressionable years on Indiana soil.

"In a list of the world's most famous characters graven in stone at Indiana University, Lincoln is included. In a list of the world's six greatest figures selected by the eminent historian, H. G. Wells, recently, he was included. There can be charge of provincialism in his selection. Woodrow Wilson called Lincoln the composite character of America, the great American.

Grew With the State

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Part of American Tradition

Mayor John W. Kern in receiving the statue on the part of the city of



Wide World

New Lincoln Statue in Bronze

Executed by Henry Hering of New York and Dedicated in University Park, Indianapolis

Indianapolis, said that Lincoln always would be "a part of the great American tradition."

Mr. Hering, sculptor of the statue, is author also of the Pro Patria statue which is a centerpiece of the approach to the great shrine of the World War Memorial.

A bronze plaque, with quotations from Lincoln, marks the spot where he addressed a Hoosier audience at the corner of Illinois and Washington Streets in the heart of Indianapolis. Indiana has set aside 5000 acres at Lincoln City in Spencer County as a memorial. This includes the original 60-acre farm of Thomas

Lincoln and the burial place of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. The State is planning a unit in the Lincoln Memorial Highway from Tombinsport to Vincennes.

Indianapolis, 4/15/35.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

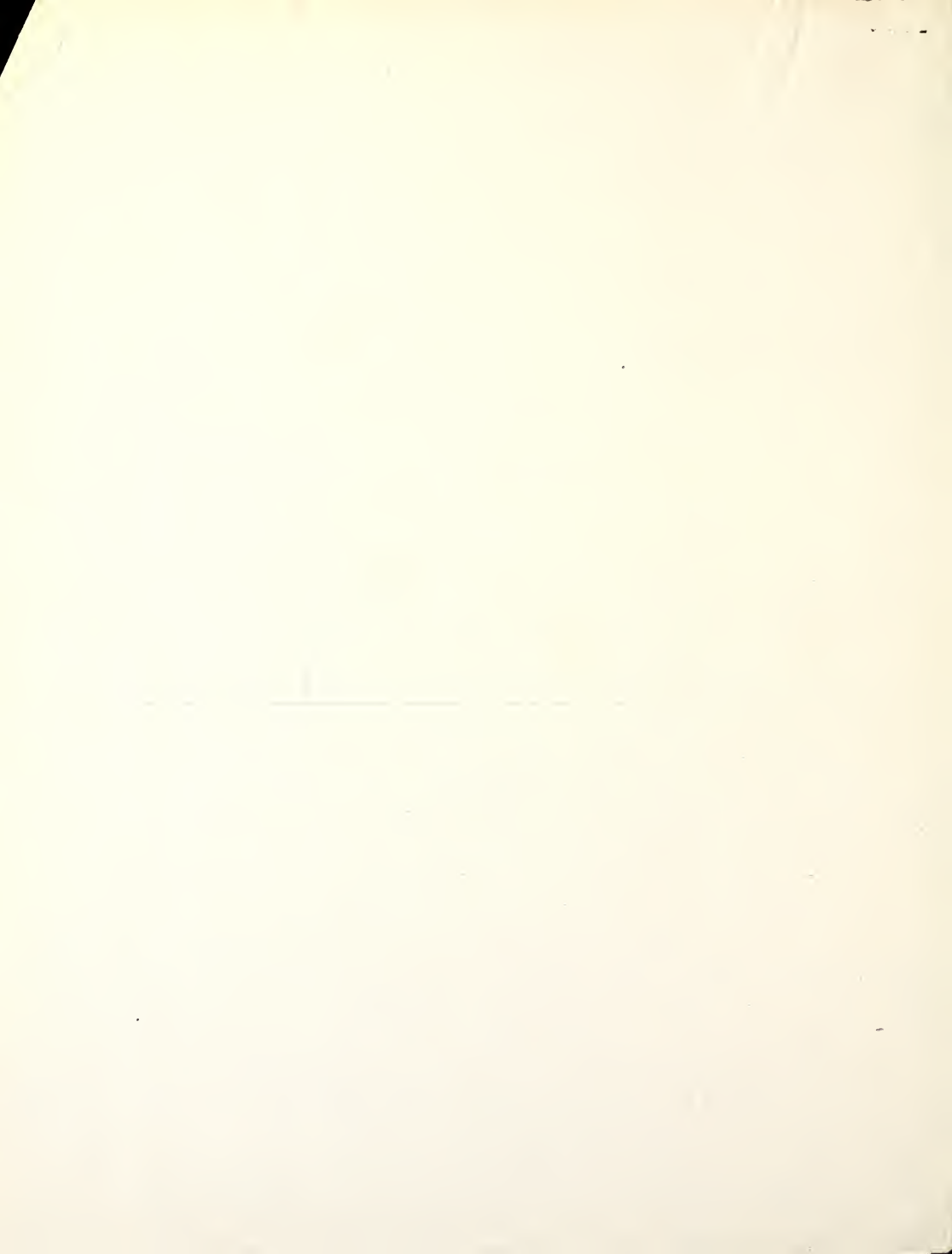
Dear Doctor Warren:—

While mailing you herein my "annual card," let me say that I was disappointed at not meeting you, on your noble mission here for unveiling Mr. Long's Lincoln. I admire much, and like to meet, those who revere the memory of my idol, among whom, at present, you stand first.

But what about that, to me, much veiled unveiling? Why expose it so surreptitiously? Not a word about that great event, on the previous day, in "The News," nor in "The Star." I think thousands were surprised. I was surely when I read it in the past tense in The News that evening. I wondered if members of that committee ever heard of him. A deceased "J. P." of Marion County would have caused more attention. I expected them to have a presidential salute fired the previous evening. But it is over; some one pulled off the dirty rag. As the German said: "I am strong mad!" "Alas! Alas!"

(312 E. 13th St.)

Sincerely yours, A. M. Sweeney.



April 16, 1935

Mr. A. M. Sweeney
312 E. 13th St.
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Sweeney:

Thank you very much for your letter with reference to the dedication of the statue of Abraham Lincoln at Indianapolis.

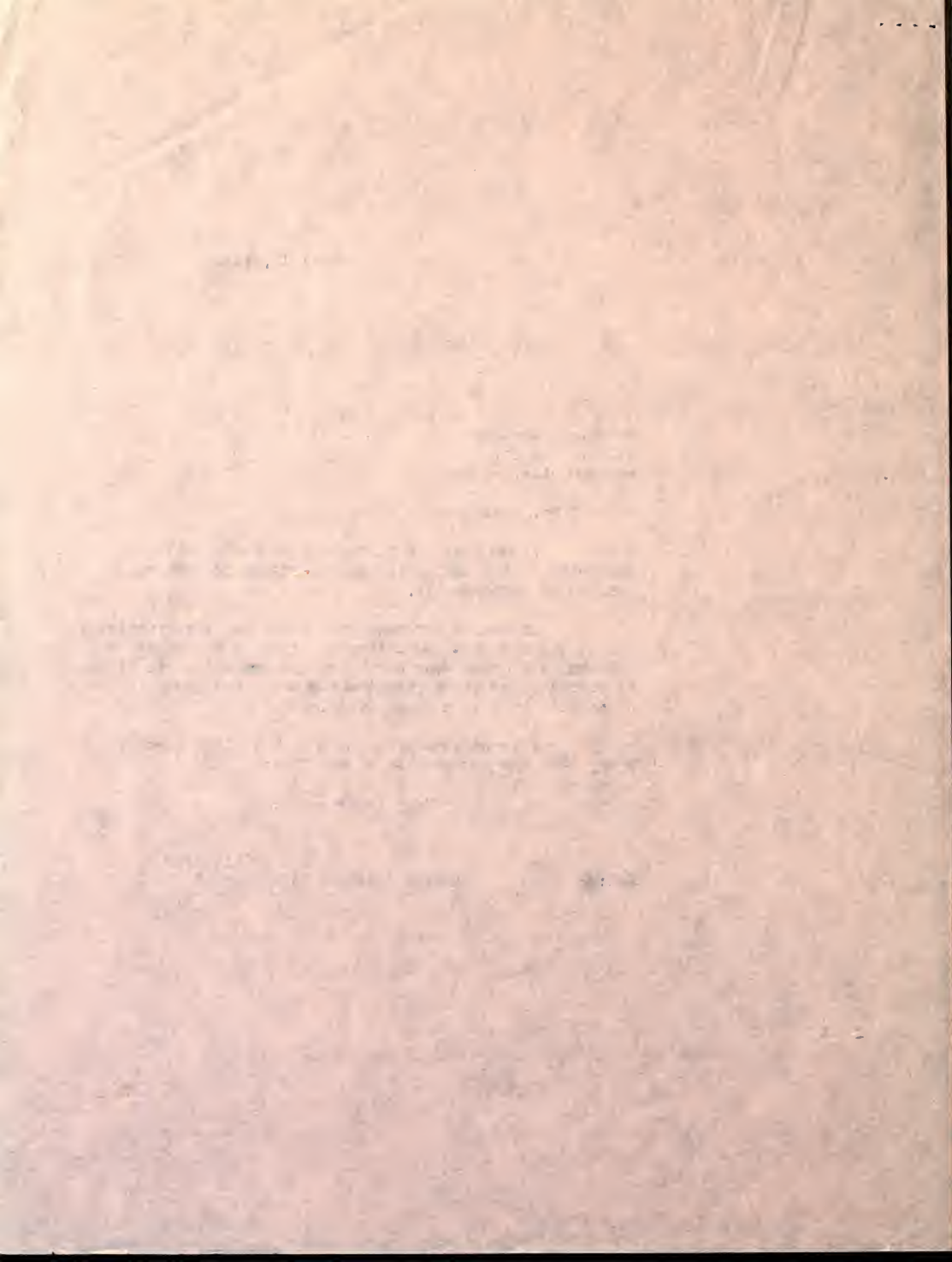
Of course I regret very much that more publicity was not given to the dedication and that it apparently was unknown to a great many people in Indianapolis. As it was, it rained of course during the day which cut down the attendance to a very small group.

I trust some time while I am in Indianapolis I may have the opportunity of meeting you.

Very truly yours,

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Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation



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PAUL N. TURNER
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
1476 BROADWAY
TIMES SQUARE
NEW YORK
TELEPHONE 9-9237 BRYANT
9-9238

March 22, 1937.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Through the courtesy of Miss Lavon Sperry I have been receiving your bulletin from time to time and was especially interested in the one of March 15th, 1937 referring to "St. Gaudens' Lincoln". It happens that a very intimate friend of mine is a very well known sculptor - Henry Hering - and in my many talks with him regarding this art, in which I have a very pronounced lay interest, I knew that he was for many years a favorite pupil and assistant to Mr. St. Gaudens and also that during the last eight or ten years of Mr. St. Gaudens' life he was called upon to execute many of his more important commissions. Knowing this I spoke to Mr. Hering about this article and he told me that one of these Lincolns, largely executed by him, was the seated Lincoln in Grant Park, Chicago which, by the way, has the American Flag draped on the back of the chair and not a shawl.

Mr. Hering has always been of the opinion that the standing Lincoln is the greatest of them all. It may also interest you to know that Mr. Hering himself made a seated statue of Lincoln which is now placed in the Civic Center, Indianapolis, Ind. It is the statue which is very highly spoken of by his contemporaries and thinking it might be of interest to you I got the enclosed illustration from the New York Times. If a photograph would be of value to you I am quite sure I could get one for you for your file.

Much of your Lincoln Lore is very interesting and some of it a welcome addition to source material.

Incidentally only a short time ago I received from a Professor in a Connecticut college a copy of an interview had in 1916 by the writer of the interview with Col. Everton J. Conger who was the chief figure in the capture of John Wilkes Booth. My recollection is that it was rather a complete stenographic report and was sent to me for disposal to one of the newspapers or magazines appearing around Lincoln's birthday. Unfortunately it didn't come

Dr. Louis A. Warren,

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March 22, 1937.

to hand in time. Col. Conger acted directly under Stanton's orders and the account, as I recollect it, is quite thrilling.

Yours very truly


March 24, 1937

Mr. Paul W. Turner
1476 Broadway
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 22 with respect to the St. Gaudens statue bulletin recently issued. I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of Lincoln Lore which gives a list of the living sculptors of Abraham Lincoln among which you will find Mr. Hering's name.

It might be of interest for you to know that I was the principal speaker at the dedication of the Hering statue in Indianapolis so I am quite familiar with it.

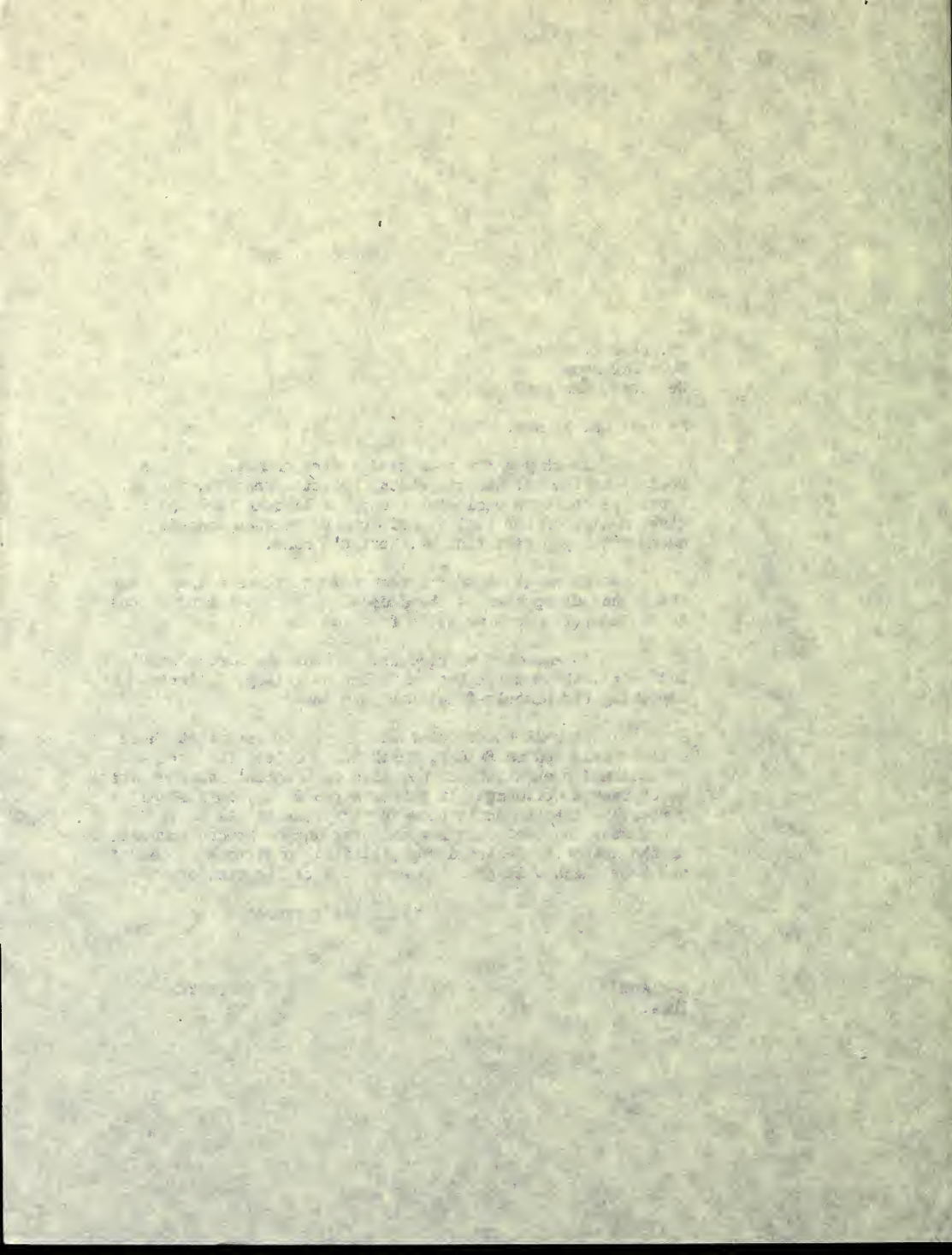
It was also my pleasure to dedicate Lorado Taft's last work, the mammoth bronze tablet at Quincy, Illinois, depicting the Lincoln-Douglas Debate there.

It will be of interest for you to know that there will be released on Friday, March 26, possibly the most sensational book which has appeared on Lincoln's assassination which treats Col. Conger in rather a rough way, if I recall correctly, but the whole book is very sensational so it is not surprising that Conger would come under the condemnation of the author. Enclosed you will find an advance notice of the book which will give you some idea of its contents.

Very truly yours

LAW:AAM
Encs.

Director



7/6/38

THE INDIANAPOLIS SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, LINCOLN GIVEN HONOR HERE IN MANY WAYS



Above—Though not widely known by that name, the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets and Kentucky avenue has been Lincoln square by city ordinance since 1922. Here meet the street and square named after Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, whose birthdays are observed this month.

Below—The statue of Abraham Lincoln (left) in University square, and (right) the bust of George Washington in the main entrance of George Washington High School.

In bronze, in brick, in concrete, in blades of green grass—these and many other material ways have the citizens of Indianapolis chosen to honor the memory of two Presidents of the United States whose birthdays are celebrated this day in March, 1922, the city Council has passed a special ordinance designating the square and April 10 of the same year, Samuel Lewis Shank, then mayor, approved it. The ordinance, sponsored by the city, is the only President to have a square named in his honor here.

Square Named for Lincoln.

Lincoln, whose birthday is Saturday, is the only President to have a square named in his honor here. In March, 1922, the city Council passed a special ordinance designating the square and April 10 of the same year, Samuel Lewis Shank, then mayor, approved it. The ordinance, sponsored by the city, is the only President to have a square named in his honor here.

Five Shafts or Statues.

In only one or two instances does the intersection of Washington street, Illinois street and Kentucky avenue form a shaft or statue, to be known as Lincoln square.

Whereas Abraham Lincoln spent the formative period of his life in the state of Indiana, and the great emancipator.

Public schools and streets have been named after both President and only Lincoln has a monument erected in his honor in a public place. It is in University Square where a large bronze statue of the Civil War President has been placed. Only one bust of Washington could be found in a public semipublic building in the city. George Washington High School. Erection of the Lincoln statue was made possible through a request made to the city by Henry V. Long, Feb. 15, 1918. Mr. Long left \$10,000 in his will to obtain the statue. Before the city had commissioned a sculptor to do the statue, the fund had grown to approximately \$17,000, principal and interest. Henry Hering of New York created the statue, which has been hailed by art critics as one of the best ever done of Lincoln. It is in the southeast corner of the square.

Park Dedicated.

Perhaps the outstanding monument here to Washington is George Washington park, which is at Keystone avenue and Stuart street. The 123.67-acre tract of land was opened as a public park under the Board of Park Commissioners in 1923, having been purchased with a \$114,735 bond issue. It was known as Dearborn park.

Boulevard in 1896.

In 1896 Washington boulevard was dedicated in memory of George Washington. The boulevard extends from Fall creek to 6400 block north. Several years later a one-half block street extending west from 3243 Washington boulevard was named Washington court. There also is a Washington avenue extending from the 600 block on West Washington street northwest to White river.

There is only one thoroughfare in the city named after Lincoln. It is Lincoln street extending from 1601 Madison avenue east to Leonard street. It formerly was known as Lincoln lane but in 1896 the name was changed to Lincoln street. Fifteenth street from Central avenue to Newman street once was known as Lincoln avenue but the name was changed in 1895 because of conflicting street names. There are no roads or streets in Marion county outside Indianapolis named after either President, although one township in the county bears the name of Washington township. There also are no public schools in the county, outside the city, honoring either President.

School Builds Up Tradition.

The Board of Indianapolis School Commissioners, however, have named grade schools after the chief executives in addition to George Washington High School. The latter was known as Washington High School when opened in 1927 but in 1930, at the request of Walter Gingery, principal, and other members of the faculty and residents of the community, the name was changed to George Washington High School. The principal explained that the school originally

was named for Washington street and had only a remote connection with the President. Mr. Gingery said that since the name was changed, the school has built a tradition around George Washington. The athletic teams are known as the "Continental," the senior boy's honor society as the "Minute Men," the senior girl's honor group as "The Washingtonians" and the chorus as the "Colonial chorus."

A bust of Washington is in the main entrance of the high school and a large painting, gift of J. K. Lilly Sr., is hung in the auditorium. The painting, showing Washington astride his horse, was the work of a German artist. It was exhibited at the world's fair in Chicago in 1893 and later was owned by a Cincinnati (O.) art collector. The high school was built at a cost of \$450,000 and a \$325,000 addition is being constructed.

The George Washington public grade school is at 1675 Sheldon street and the Abraham Lincoln grade school is at 1001 East Palmer street. There also are two local churches with the name of Washington, the Washington M. E. Church at 2801 West Washington street, and the Washington Street Presbyterian Church at 1800 West Washington street.

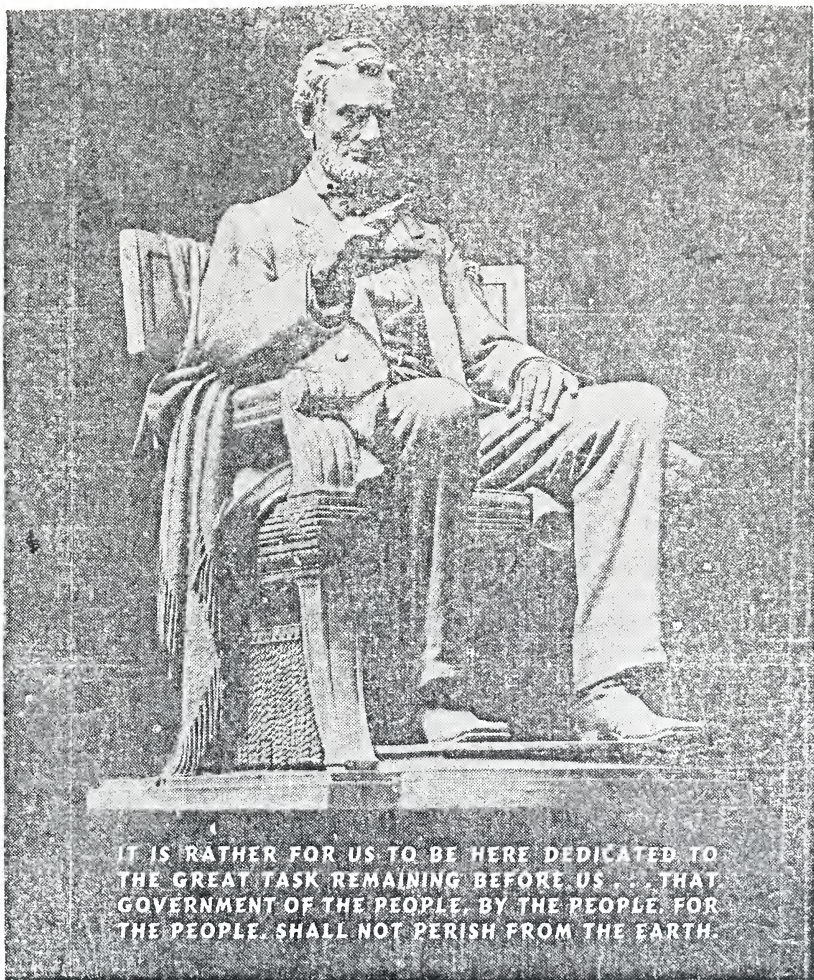
Three "Georges" in City.

There are three Indianapolis residents who bear the name "George Washington," living at 173 Geisendorff street, 523 West 19th street, No. 11, and at 1352 South Pershing avenue.

The old Washington baseball park on West Washington street was vacated in 1930 when the new Perry stadium was erected. Hotels have been named after both Presidents, the Lincoln at Washington and Illinois streets, on Lincoln square, and the Washington, 30 East Washington street. There is a Lincoln Club at 523 North Belle View place, and the Lincoln Union Lodge at 534 1/2 Indiana avenue. A cemetery, Washington Park cemetery, is on United States road No. 40, near Cumberland. Other civic and political organizations also have been named in honor of both Presidents.

several years, but April 14, 1932, members of the mayor's George Washington bicentennial committee appeared before the park board with a request that the name be changed to George Washington park. Board members granted the request of Chairman Theodore B. Griffith and other members of the committee. The park still is under development and only recently drives, picnic grounds and a wading pool were constructed. A. Charles Sallee, superintendent of parks, said there is no marker or plaque of any kind in the park to show it was named in honor of the first President, although he said the park board is considering erection of some kind of sign to designate the park.

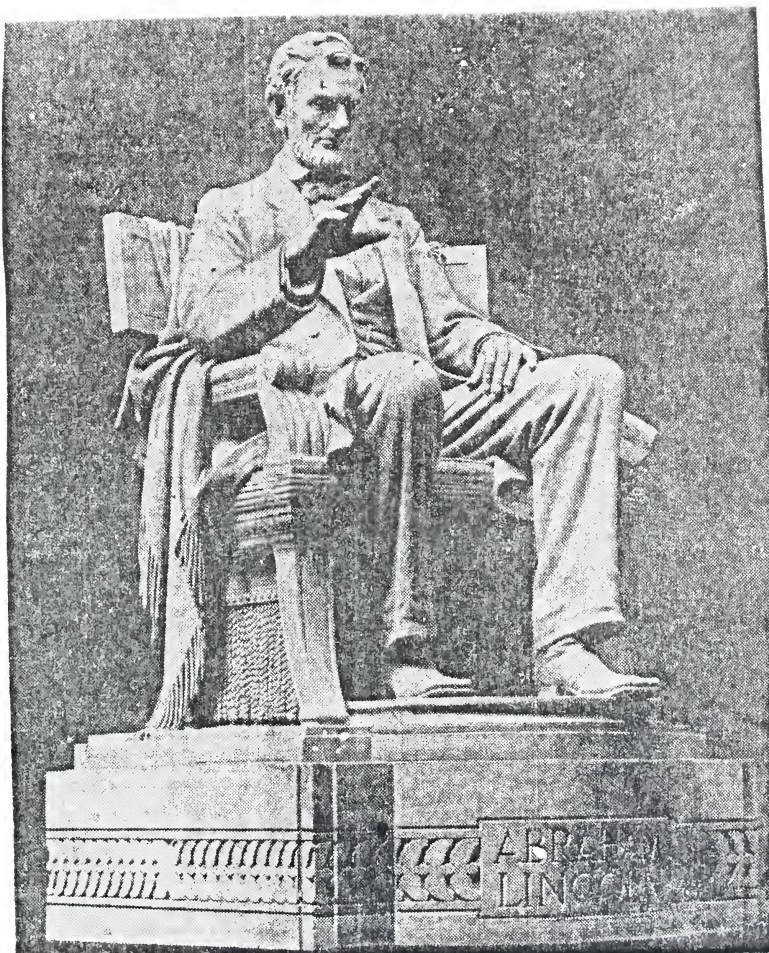
The first local honor to either President came in 1821 when the original plan of Indianapolis was drawn. The main street of the town was named Washington street and extended across the city from east to west. Washington street has continued to be the principal



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San Francisco Chronicle 2/12/80.
"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith
let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

He Sat In Emancipator's Lap



Strolling along New York street to take in the sights, 13-year-old Roland Dowell of St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday spotted the Lincoln statue in University park and climbed up into the emancipator's lap. "I just wanted to sit in Lincoln's lap so I could tell the folks back home," Roland, who is visiting relatives in Indianapolis, told the photographer.



Photo by Lloyd B. Walton, Times Staff Photographer.

LINCOLN OF UNIVERSITY PARK—Most city parks have their Lincoln. In rain and fog, wind and sun, he presides over University Park, Indianapolis. He is a silent spectator to the surging woes, the trials and triumphs of the generation at his feet. Look at Abraham Lincoln today, his birthday. The man is still. But his spirit marches through the land.

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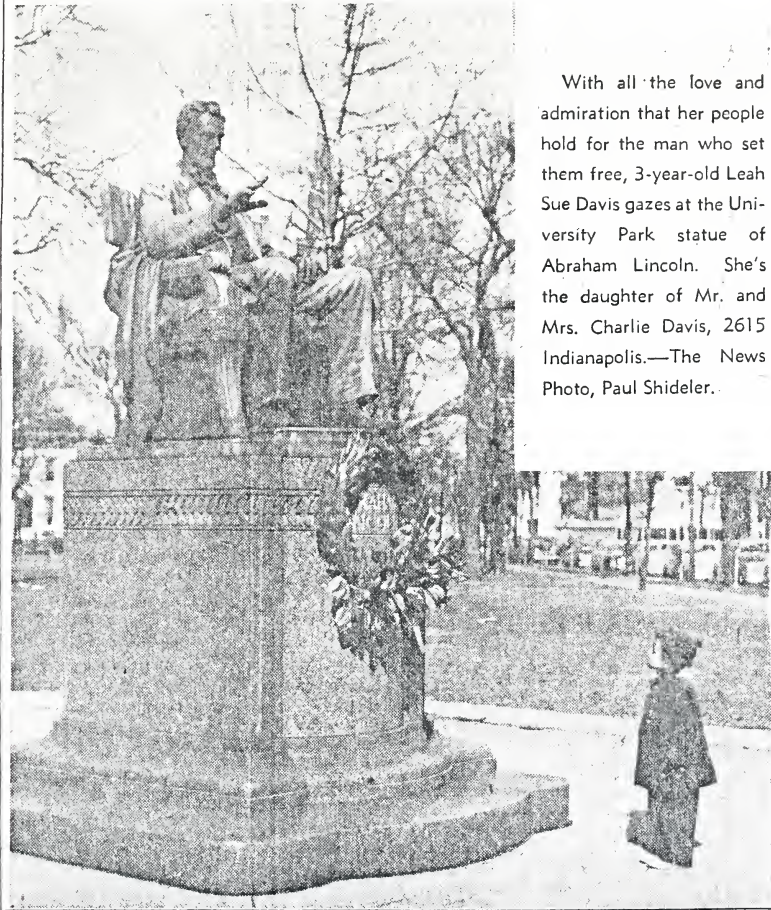
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ONE WHO REMEMBERS HIM



Sam Strickland, who is 99 years old, gazes on the statue of the Emancipator he remembers from his youth. Mr. Strickland was 15 years old when Lincoln's funeral procession reached Indianapolis. The statue at the southeast cor-

ner of University Park was a gift of the estate of Henry C. Long, Civil War veteran and lumberman. Henry Hering, New York, was the sculptor.—The News Photo, George Tilford.



With all the love and admiration that her people hold for the man who set them free, 3-year-old Leah Sue Davis gazes at the University Park statue of Abraham Lincoln. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis, 2615 Indianapolis.—The News Photo, Paul Shideler.



LINCOLN—THE PEACEMAKER

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SCULPTOR - HENRY HERING

**LINCOLN SHRINE
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Deserves Better Fate

This statue of Abraham Lincoln has endured a great deal since it was placed in University Park. But probably nothing has been more of a nuisance and a problem than the pesky

starlings. The Junior Chamber of Commerce started a campaign last month to exterminate these birds by shooting them out of the trees. This picture indicates the Jaycees are going to need a lot more marksmen.—The News Photo, Robert Lavelle.



Legion Is Loyal

Members of the Indiana Commandery of the Loyal Legion placed this wreath on the University Park statue of Abraham Lincoln to honor

the 16th American President on his birthday. Other ceremonies at the statue today were conducted by the Boy Scouts. — The NEWS Photo, Larry George.

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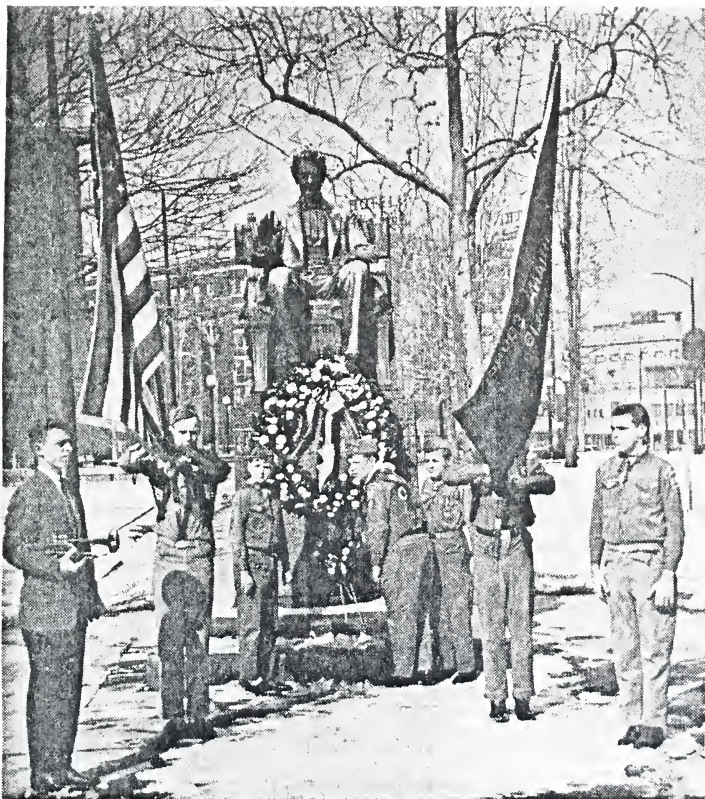
Subj: Abe

According to the 1994 Indianapolis Encyclopedia, Lincoln is seated in University Park, which is the mall between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, just north of the War Memorial on New York st. I called the central library and nobody knows of it being moved in the past two years.

Young Abe was moved when there was new government buildings erected, but he has been put back very near to his old location at 100 North Senate Ave. He used to face East, but now faces North. This info from the State Library. Will the Lincoln Museum of Ft. Wayne pay my fee?

So when do you quit the museum? When do you head for warm and sunny FL? Better stay away from St. Pete, lots of unrest there.

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LINCOLN HONORED—Seven Boy Scouts yesterday marked Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a wreath for the former President's statue in University Park. The boys are (left to right) William Devitt, 13 years old, 1302 North Keystone, Roy Booher, 14, and David Booher, 11,

both of 306 South Rural Street, Donald Watkins, 14, 3926 Wildwood Drive, Michael Walker, 11, 701 South Keystone Avenue, Sherman Anderson, 13, 325 South Parker Avenue, and Robert Joachim, 15, 3001 Meredith Avenue. (Star Photo)

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